



White Ribbons For Amy Lord


SBT Staff Report

The only reason that this story merits attention is that it gives the folks from South Boston this chance to fondly remember Amy Lord, who in 2013 was a happy-go-lucky resident of this neighborhood but was randomly and senselessly murdered by Edwin Alemany.

Alemany, first kidnapped her and then made her withdraw money at several ATMs. Attempting to use an insanity defense, he was convicted of her murder in 2015. He is now asking the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) for a



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EDITORIAL

A Mine Field of Discarded Face Masks

For those who may not have noticed, because the virus situation has now passed the one-year mark, ‘Covid fatigue’ is setting in among a growing percentage of the population and some are just done with all the restrictions and mandates.

One obvious sign of this is that more people are just shedding their masks. Right or wrong, we can understand the frustration of walking around looking like stage-coach robbers from the Old West, as well as the discomfort and breathing difficulties that come with these face

coverings. But when shedding these masks, is it really necessary to just toss them onto the streets and sidewalks all over town? Well, it seems to some people it is. Because from our own observations and the number of complaints coming in, you can’t walk a block without seeing discarded masks. Whether you are shopping on Broadway, walking along the beach or out with the family at Castle Island, the odds are if you look down, you will come across someone’s mask.

This growing phenomenon isn’t just an eye sore; it’s also

a health hazard; it’s unsanitary and also pretty disgusting. We, as a community, are better than this. While most dog owners are conscientious and have enough pride in their neighborhood to pick up after their pets, there are still a few who do not. And, if that isn’t bad enough, adding used face masks to the debris makes the condition of our streets and walkways now worse than it has ever been in quite some time. Yes, there are laws against littering, but not enough enforcement. Yet, common sense and consideration of others SHOULD



be enough to deter messy people. But unfortunately, in some cases and with some people it isn’t.

The purpose of this editorial isn’t so much to scold or lecture the offenders, as it is to appeal to them to please try to

do better. We doubt that there is anyone out there who actually likes seeing littered streets. It’s safe to say that most want our walkways kept clean. But since city cleanup crews cannot be everywhere 24/7, it’s up to all of us to do our part.

“So I say to you, ask and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.” - Jesus Christ

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Is What's Going On Disarray, Insanity Or A Plot?

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

John Ciccone

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You certainly don't need me to tell you that there are quite a few unusual things taking place around the country. When I say unusual, I'm being kind. Most consider a lot of it as bordering on insanity.

Since the Democrat party has taken over the US Senate, the White House, and continues to hold a razor thin, but shrinking, majority in the US House of Representatives, the country is said by some to be in disarray. It's probably more accurately described as 'going to Hell in a hand basket'.

The border and the Covid 19 situation are the first to come to the mind. Is there anyone out there who can explain why keeping some states in lockdown for the stated purpose of stopping the spread of the virus, while throwing open our southern border and inviting thousands of un-tested, unvaccinated illegals to swarm in, many of whom are infected, makes sense? If so, I'd like to hear that explanation. Does this not defy all logic?

While we have Biden (or whoever), Fauci, the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the rest of this motley crew seemingly hoping to keep American citizens in quarantine and wearing masks until mid century, they are not saying a word about the hordes of potential carriers sneaking across the Rio Grande and being flown and bussed to all parts of our country. As far as the question 'does this defy logic?', maybe not. Could it be a calculated plan to flood the country with new leftist voters to prop up a dwindling pool? Don't rule it out.

These 'officials' are furious that the Red States are throwing off the bonds of restrictions, mandates and lockdown, saying they are not taking the Covid situation serious. But isn't it Washington and the Blue States who are not the serious ones, when they are trying to enforce these restrictions

only on American citizens and NOT the illegals that are being welcomed with open arms and allowed to roam the country? The Conservative-run or 'FREE' states are revolting and opening up. And they are doing just fine because of it.

The US Olympic Committee has given the green light to 'American' athletes to protest when they go to the upcoming games. This means that they can show their displeasure with our country - the country they are sent to represent to the rest of the world. Disrespecting our nation's flag and National Anthem and displaying other forms of tantrums, while the teams from other nations proudly honor THEIR countries by showing respect, might set well with the leftists in our country, but certainly not with the majority of Americans. Personally, while I might not make too many friends with the following comment and I don't really care, if the American team winds up being a bunch of ungrateful, protesting embarrassments, I hope they lose every event.

Guess what's racist now? According to a school in Portland Oregon, it's 'Evergreen Trees'. The school had decided that they must get rid of their current mascot - an image of a mythical ancient Trojan Soldier. We can only imagine what reason the kooks at the school had conjured up to make them feel the need to get rid of that one. But just when they were set to replace it with a seemingly innocent tree, someone stood up and said that a tree would be racist because it could be associated with 'lynching'. If any readers have a tree in your yard, you might want to consider taking it down quickly or run the risk of having Al Sharpton, BLM and a few college professors picketing out front.

And finally, for this week, the attacks by big corporations, the news media and insufferable Hollywood celebrities against the State of Geor-

gia's new voter ID law appears to be backfiring, especially since all surveys on the issue conclude that more than 80% of Americans, including a large majority of minorities are in favor of the new law.

The lies coming from the Left about the law causing 'voter suppression' don't seem to be fooling anyone. President Trump has called for a boycott of Major League Baseball for caving to leftist pressure and pulling the All-Star game, and Republican officials are calling for MLB to lose its favored tax status. There is a boycott against the Coca Cola Company for being as cowardly

as MLB and the Governor and state legislators in Georgia have drawn a line in the sand and are not backing down an inch from the new law.

Americans are now well aware that when Democrat Party officials jump through hoops doing everything in their power to prevent people from showing an ID to vote, they are hiding something or want as many options to allow them to cheat in elections as possible or both. It's most likely both. Their goal is not fair and honest elections, it's voter fraud and it gets increasingly more obvious by the day.

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Window Into The State House

Window Into The State House provides our readers a synopsis of important issues of interest, past and current, that are being proposed, debated or acted upon by the Massachusetts Legislature. Many issues that are not related to local city government services are acted upon and have a direct impact on daily life. They are tax policy, transportation infrastructure, judicial appointments, social services and health, as well as higher education. We will excerpt reports from the gavel-to-gavel coverage of House and Senate sessions by news sources focused on this important aspect of our lives. These sources include a look ahead at the coming week in state government and summaries and analyses of the past week, re-caps of a range of state government activity, as well as links to other news.

Janey goes for it: Acting mayor announces she's running

Acting Mayor Kim Janey, who in recent weeks sure has looked and acted like a candidate for mayor, made it official this morning: She is a candidate for mayor of Boston. The Herald's Sean Philip Cotter, the Globe's Danny McDonald and SHNS's Michael Norton have more. Guess we don't have to provide any read-between-the-lines analysis of Janey's launch yesterday, before this morning's big announcement, of a new \$2.5 million ad campaign to promote "all inclusive" tourism in Boston, as GBH's Saraya Winter-smith reports.

Huh? Even Ben Downing and Danielle Allen are out-fundraising Charlie Baker

Speaking of campaigns, is this

a sign Gov. Charlie Baker isn't gearing up for re-election next year? Long-shot Dem gubernatorial candidate Ben Downing and the exploring-a-candidacy Danielle Allen last month raised more campaign funds than Baker, who hasn't announced yet whether he'll seek a third term or not, reports SHNS's Matt Murphy. Meanwhile, SHNS's Michael Norton reports that Allen, a Harvard professor, sure looks like she's finished exploring a candidacy: "Possible Guv Candidate Allen Bulks Up With Team of Advisers."

As the state's fully vaccinated population nears 1.5 Million ...

Switching from politics to the pandemic, here's some good news: Nearly 1.5 million people in Massachusetts are now fully

vaccinated against COVID-19, reports SHNS's Colin Young and MassLive's Steph Solis. The bad news on the pandemic front: Spreading variants, rising case counts and ... a virtual free-for-all for available vaxes. See below.

... the competition for vaccines grows more fierce

As the BBJ's Jessica 'Vaccination Whisperer' Bartlett reports, it's hell out there trying to snag a vaccination appointment in Massachusetts. And it's only gotten worse with yesterday's move to allow more people, including 55-plus residents, to register for vaccine shots, reports Simón Ríos at WBUR. From the Globe's Kay Lazar: "State's new COVID-19 eligibility rules open the flood gates for people to seek vaccina-

tions." What's this? The Herald's Rick Sobey catches a bunch of 18-year-olds getting vaccinated in Dorchester – and it appears to be legit.

Great Un-Expectations: State tax collections (and business confidence) continue to soar

The state's tax collections last month continued to defy past dire predictions of fiscal Armageddon in Massachusetts – with tax revenues up 15.1 percent in March compared to a year ago and well above even recently revised projections, reports MassLive's Steph Solis. Though Tufts University's Evan Howowitz attributes most of the unexpected windfall to massive federal relief funding, it doesn't hurt that local employers are growing more confident by the day, as BBJ's Greg Ryan reports.

First day of (in-person) school: Plenty of jitters, mixed emotions and some missing teachers

It felt like early fall in April
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SEN. COLLINS, REP. BIELE CHAMPION ECONOMIC RECOVERY Legislature Passes \$7 Billion Worker & Employer Benefit Package

State Senator Nick Collins and State Representative David Biele joined colleagues in the Massachusetts Legislature in passing an important Unemployment Insurance bill, which will provide assistance to Commonwealth employers and employees.

The bill authorizes \$7 billion to stabilize the unemployment insurance system, establishes a paid sick leave program for COVID-19 emergencies, and reduces the size of premium increases employers contribute to fund the jobless benefits system. The bill also exempts PPP loans from state income taxes and creates tax credits for low-income families.

"This important legislation will greatly benefit small businesses and their employees in the First Suffolk District and across the City and State," said State Senator Nick Collins "As we prepare for an equitable

economic recovery from the COVID-19 Pandemic, it is critical that we continue to support employees, small businesses, and residents."

"This bill will provide crucial relief and support to small businesses and workers negatively impacted by the economic effects of COVID-19," said Rep. Biele. "I'm thankful to my colleagues in the Legislature for this important step and look forward to the work ahead to support our economy, our businesses and our workforce."

Senator Collins and Rep. Biele are also pushing for another piece of legislation that aims to provide essential workers with crucial protections and benefits. SD.1686 / HD.1794, An Act Relative to providing a COVID-19 retirement credit to essential public workers would provide public essential workers who were required to work in-per-



son during the COVID-19 pandemic with a 3-year retirement credit.

"Essential workers have put their lives and bodies on the line to guide the Commonwealth through the COVID-19 Pandemic," said Senator Nick Collins "This retirement credit would offer a meaningful compensation for the service of these courageous women and men."



"Across the Commonwealth, essential workers reported to work every day during the COVID-19 pandemic, putting their health and lives at risk to support our state and our communities," said Rep. Biele. "This proposal recognizes their outstanding efforts in providing front-line and emergency support service during these unprecedented times."



Rep. Lynch Demands Immediate Shutdown of Weymouth Compressor Station Following Third Unplanned Gas Release

U.S. Representative Stephen F. Lynch (MA-08) released the following statement after Enbridge announced that a third unplanned gas release occurred at the Weymouth Compressor Station yesterday morning:

“Yesterday morning the Weymouth Compressor Station had yet another unplanned gas release, making this the third “blow out” event since they began operations 8 months ago. Every accident at the

Weymouth Compressor Station endangers the lives and health of local residents and surrounding communities and these so-called blow outs have become a dangerous pattern of releasing harmful gas into the nearby residential neighborhood. It is completely unacceptable to allow Enbridge to continue their operations. I have reached out to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration for more details about this accident but the only response that will protect nearby residents would be to order the Weymouth Compressor Station to shut down immediately.”

Councilors Flynn, Bok, and Edwards Call for Status Hearing on Short Term Rentals



Boston City Councilors Ed Flynn, Kenzie Bok, and Lydia Edwards are calling for a hearing this week regarding the status and the enforcement of the Short-Term Rental Ordinance passed in 2018. The hearing order follows a decision at the Zoning Board of Appeal last week, opposed by both Councilors Flynn and Bok, in which relief was granted for Sonder to convert 26 units to Executive Suites on Batterymarch St. This decision runs contrary to the spirit of the 2018 ordinance, which sought to remove non-owner-occupied properties, Investor Units and large corporate operators from participating in short term rental activity due to their impact on Boston’s housing stock, rental market, and quality of life issues they presented in our neighborhoods.

In 2019, a hearing from Councilors Flynn and Edwards on the implementation of the ordinance specifically raised these concerns, of both the Councilors and civic organizations

across the city, that large corporations could potentially continue operating short term rentals in the same manner under the guise of Executive Suites. The Councilors seek to discuss this critical issue and other concerns that exist regarding enforcement of the ordinance, the eligibility criteria and screening process, and the removal of Investor Units.

Passed in June of 2018, the ordinance regulates short term rentals on platforms, such as Airbnb. Only units that are owner-occupied are eligible for short term rentals. The ordinance would also require short term rentals operators to register their units, apply for a license yearly, and notify the abutters. Currently, Executive Suites are exempt from the ordinance and residents, advocates and civic organizations have expressed concerns that large corporations will continue to operate their units by pursuing these conversions. Last week’s decision by the Zoning Board of Appeals included a large, corporate operator

who had similar proposals elsewhere Downtown and in the South End. This decision has raised concerns from civic organizations and housing advocates that commercial operators will now seek to exploit Executive Suite conversions to once again run unregulated, de facto hotels, and taking much needed units from our housing stock.

“In the midst of an affordable housing crisis, and as we recover from both a pandemic and economic crisis, I find it wholly unconscionable and disappointing that the Zoning Board approved last week’s proposal from a large, multinational corporation to convert 26 units to Executive Suites. It’s time for us to stand up for our values as a city. I voted to ban these large companies from operating these unregulated hotels because they take away precious housing stock, drive up the market, and present serious quality of life issues in every neighborhood,” said Councilor Flynn. “We must not let these large, corporate operators

exploit any potential loopholes or circumvent regulations to take away valuable housing stock. I look forward to having this discussion to ensure that our regulations are enforced and our neighborhoods are protected.”

“As we have seen in the past few years in the downtown neighborhoods, if we don’t continue to take action against short-term rentals, housing stock will be converted and residents will not actually live in our neighborhoods anymore,” added Councilor Bok. “We can’t allow an executive suite loophole to frustrate our efforts to preserve much-needed housing in our community.”

“Both the current and previous administrations supported the ordinance,” said Councilor Edwards. “Why are they now supporting workarounds and loopholes? It doesn’t benefit Boston and goes against the spirit and intent of the ordinance.”

For more information, please contact Councilor Flynn’s office at 617-635-3203, or at Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov.

I Was Just Thinking...



by Kevin Devlin

President Joe Biden is supposed to know what is going on in this country.

That's his job. Any president is supposed to be on top of his game, knowledgeable about what is happening so he (or she for future reference) can reflect, act, and then speak his mind.

But he's not doing that.

And it's so obvious.

Take for instance his outrage about the new voting law passed in Georgia. Cries of suppression could be heard on Pennsylvania Avenue. Biden was outraged, visions of the villainous Jim Crow dancing in his head, as he sadly declared voters wouldn't be allowed to have water while waiting in line to vote.

"If you want any indication that it has nothing to do with fairness, nothing to do with decency, they passed a law saying you can't provide water to people standing in line while

they're waiting to vote?" Biden reportedly said. "You don't need anything to know that this is nothing but punitive, designed to keep people from voting. You can't provide water for people about to vote, Give me a break."

But he was wrong.

Dead wrong.

He was either misinformed by his handlers, yes, I did say handlers (because he is mentally and physically frail) or he simply didn't care to do his homework.

Contrary to what he declared to the nation, voters can bring their own water or food with them while standing in line to vote in Georgia, and elsewhere for that matter. They just can't be provided with water or other gifts by people who are ostensibly working for a particular political candidate or political

party. It's called "electioneering" when people are involved in the activity of trying to persuade others to vote for a particular political candidate or party.

So, was he oblivious to the truth or onboard with the deception? Whatever the circumstances, he was misleading the American public, although the latter would be more disconcerting and quite disturbing.

Perhaps Biden needs to give us a break and take less breaks and get to work in earnest.

He needs to know what's really happening so he can make well-informed decisions and not give in to knee-jerk uninformed responses simply to please his political cohorts.

Yet I doubt that will happen considering what he brings to the table with each passing day.

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new trial. On Monday of this week, his attorney presented his appeal to the SJC, arguing that, among other things, the jury instructions and the opening and closing statements during the 2015 trial were improper. "We had a trial that was 16 days, on 17 indictments, with hundreds, dozens of witnesses, the prejudice comes in confusing the jury," attorney Andrew Crouch said. There is no timetable on when the court may rule. Alemany is currently serving a life sentence in prison.

In memoriam, here is a re-print of the Letter To South Boston that Amy Lord's family sent to the community.

Dear South Boston,

We want to send our thanks to all the members of the South Boston Community. We know your hearts are breaking right now for Amy and our family. Amy grew up in a wonderful, small community town. When she moved to Boston, she was looking for the same feeling and she found it in Southie. She could sense immediately that there was a strong, family-like community that existed there. She knew that she was one of the "newbies" and had a lot to learn, but she was anxious to be part of your community.

She loved everything about it. She found doctor's offices and felt at home. Thanks to a long-time resident, she found a neighborhood



mechanic she trusted and, of course, Castle Island and Sullivan's.

Since this tragedy has happened our hometown, Wilbraham, has embraced our family in their love and support. Friends, neighbors - everyone - have been trying to think of anything they can do to support us. One of the things they have done is to place white ribbons throughout the neighborhood and around town.

Someone close to us shared the statement below that was put on Facebook by the South Boston Community.

Our family was incredibly touched. This is a perfect example of the close, caring community that Amy knew existed. Tragedy can and does strike in places and ways that are unimaginable, and we want everyone to know that we will never believe that it defines the

South Boston Community.

Thank you so much for your show of solidarity and connection to us. But, most importantly, thank you for embracing Amy. We are sure she is smiling in the vibrant, infectious and loving way that only Amy can.

The Lord Family - Tie a White Ribbon

"After her tragic death on Tuesday, Amy Lord's hometown of Wilbraham has decorated its homes and open spaces with white ribbons in Amy's memory. Let's do the same here in South Boston and show solidarity, support and love. We encourage you to decorate your homes, trees, and businesses with a white ribbon to remember such a beautiful member of our community. We want to see white ribbons everywhere! Thank you!"

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Clerk Michael J. Donovan Endorses Michelle Wu for Mayor

Clerk of the Superior Court of Suffolk County Michael J. Donovan, longest continuously sitting elected official in the City of Boston, announced his support of Michelle Wu for Mayor of Boston today. Donovan said that he believed Councilor Wu is a fighter for the people of Boston and focused on the issues Bostonians care most about.

"I'm proud to support Michelle Wu for Mayor. As a City Councilwoman, she's been fighting for us for a long time. She's interested in the bread and butter issues we all care about: transportation, schools, taking care of seniors, and treating everyone with the same respect," said Clerk Michael J. Donovan.

"I'm proud to earn the endorsement of Clerk Mike Donovan, a longtime friend and leader in building commu-

nity. He is beloved in South Boston and beyond because of his dedication and commitment to always showing up for people. I'm grateful to have him on the team as we tackle the important neighborhood issues to keep families in Boston, close gaps, and empower community," said Councilor Michelle Wu.

Michael J. Donovan has been Clerk for Civil Business of the Suffolk County Superior Court since 1976, when he was the youngest person ever elected to the role. A graduate of Suffolk University and Suffolk Law School, he is a beloved member of the South Boston community, where he volunteers in youth soccer, baseball and basketball programs.

Clerk Donovan's endorsement adds to the Michelle for Mayor campaign's enthusiastic coalition of multigenerational, multicultural grassroots supporters



including community activists, Senator Elizabeth Warren, Sunrise Boston, labor unions Teamsters Local 25, OPEIU Local 453 and Alliance of Unions at the MBTA, Former Democratic Nominee for Governor of Massachusetts, Former

Representative Byron Rushing and fellow elected officials from across Greater Boston and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. For all of Michelle for Boston's endorsements, visit michelleforboston.com/endorsements.

Registration Open For Boston Parks Summer Sports Centers

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce that registration is now open for summer Sports Centers at White Stadium in Franklin Park, Almont Park in Mattapan, East Boston Memorial Stadium, Garvey Park in Dorchester, and M Street Park in South Boston.

Each location offers instruction in several popular sports from July 6 through August 20. All Sports Centers are offered free of charge to Boston residents and open to boys

and girls ages 7 to 14. Parents may register their children for just one week or the entire summer.

Please note that lunch will be provided, but participants must provide their own transportation. Pre-registration is required for both groups and individuals. For more information or to register online please visit boston.gov/recreation.

For more information about the White Stadium Sports Center and/or the Almont Sports Center, please call (617) 961-3084 or email woodley.auguste@boston.gov.

For more information about the East Boston Sports Center, please call (617) 961-3083 or email damien.margardo@boston.gov. For more information about the South Boston Sports Center, please call (617) 961-3039 or email mavrick.afonso@boston.gov. For more information about the Garvey Park Sports Center, please call (617) 961-3093 or email charles.conners@boston.gov.

The Sports Centers are operated in accordance with current public health guidelines. Children and



staff must wear face coverings and maintain six feet of social distance at all times, activities are organized in groups of ten or fewer, and programs are held completely outdoors. For current social distancing guidelines in City of Boston parks please visit boston.gov/coronavirus.



City golf courses open for 2021 season

Mayor Kim Janey has announced that the City of Boston's two municipal golf courses are open for the 2021 season.

The City owns and operates the William J. Devine Golf Course in Dorchester and the George Wright Golf Course in Hyde Park designed by Donald Ross. Both have received national accolades as must-play courses when golfing in the Boston area.

Golfers can go to cityofboston-golf.com for tee times and rates. For updates, the City's golf courses can be followed on Twitter @FranklinPark-

GC and @GeorgeWrightGC.

Founded in 1938, the 18-hole par 70 Donald Ross-designed George Wright Golf Course is a hidden gem in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Boston open seven days a week through November. Contact PGA Professional Scott Allen at 617-364-2300 for more information.

The second-oldest public golf course in America and part of the historic Emerald Necklace, the William J. Devine Golf Course at Franklin Park in Dorchester offers a pleasant golf experience only minutes from downtown

Boston and is open year-round, weather permitting. The outdoor patio features chairs, tables, and umbrellas with seating for up to 100 people. Contact PGA Professional Kevin Frawley at 617-265-4084 for more information.

Under current public health guidelines the pro shop, restaurant, and bathrooms are all open, tee times are required in advance, masks are required unless you are seated at a table eating, all guests must observe distancing guidelines of six feet, and sanitation stations are provided throughout the clubhouse building.

The Wine Guy

Warmer Temps, Lighter Winness

This wine I want to mention today has been grown in the Loire Valley of France for over 1300 years and more recently, in the last 200 years or so, has found another home in one of the truly great Southern Hemisphere regions, South Africa. Its high acidity has made it a go-to for not only still, table wine production, but also for dessert and sparkling wines as well. It's a variety that you might not have seen too often in your favorite wine store and even less on many restaurant or wine bar menus, but the next time you are looking for something, ask about Chenin Blanc. There's actually a lot to this little-known wine variety.

About this time of year in the Loire Valley, where many of France's most beautiful chateaux are located, the days are warm and breezy, and the evenings are cool and dry. Just the kind of weather for a lighter, refreshing glass of local white wine.

In the Touraine appellation or, "district" of the Loire Valley, the Chainier family has been making wine for generations and one of their favorites is Clos du Gaimont. **The 2019 Clos du Gaimont Vouvray, (\$19.99)**, a Chenin Blanc from Vouvray, is really nice. Floral notes, with scents of roses and woodland spice mingle with a honey, nutty finish. Have this one with some fresh fruit and cheese on the patio and you won't want to get up! It's also a great pairing with duck confit or braised cornish hen.

Moving up a notch, for those times when you'd like a little sparkle in your glass, but don't want to spend a ton, look for **Marquis de la Tour Brut, NV, (\$13.99)**, from Remy Pannier, the largest wine maker in the Loire Valley. It's got a great "sparkle" to it, as well as a light, melon fruit mouthfeel-perfect with a plate of braised scallops on an early Friday evening after a crazy week.

It's likely that if you ask your local wine store what they have in

Chenin Blanc, you'll be directed to the South Africa section; their wines present very differently. A good example is **Bellingham Citrus Grove Chenin Blanc 2019, (\$15.99)**.

Located in South Africa's beautiful Franshoek (Fran-shook) Valley where wine has been made since the late 1600's, this Chenin Blanc is the Standard for the South African version-vibrant gold with bright green glimmers packed with punchy citrus aromas of orange, tangerine, and a tropical twist of honey melon and pineapple. On the palate is a fresh surge of key lime and Clementine flavors brushed with minerality on the zesty, mouth watering finish. Vive la difference! You could have this with Ginger/Soy/Cayenne-rubbed, grilled Pork loin and summer vegetables.

Located in South Africa's Western Cape region, a stone's throw from Cape town itself, **Graham Beck Game Reserve Chenin Blanc 2019, (\$16.99)**, is grown in one of four properties owned by Beck, who started making wine from his first re-claimed property in 1983. This wine is also very different from its French forebears-with delightful aromas of sweet juicy melon, pear drop and fragrant grapefruit. On the palate expect rich rewarding flavors of ripe tropical fruit and luscious



citrus. Aromatic, fruity and well rounded – an elegant wine with a soft silky texture and vibrant, fresh finish. A really fantastic pairing for white pasta with clam sauce or shrimp scampi, to name just a few.

So, the next time you're in the mood for something new and delicious, ask your wine retailer or the staff at your favorite restaurant what they have in Chenin Blanc- you won't be disappointed, and I guarantee you that your first glass definitely won't be your last.

Talk To The Wine Guy at jdriss8888@gmail.com

228,000 Life Science Project Initiated For The Raymond Flynn Industrial Park

Marcus Partners has filed for a Project Notification Form for the redevelopment of two adjacent parcels located within Raymond L. Flynn Marine Park on the South Boston waterfront. The two-building life science project will span a combined 228,000 square feet. Ginkgo Bioworks is the anchor tenant, already locked in with a 150,000-square-foot commitment.

The project comprises Parcel O and P, enclosed by Fid Kennedy Avenue, B Street, Capstan Way and Ballard Way. The first lot was home to an Au Bon Pain bakery, and the latter is currently occupied by Matt J. McDonald Co. Parcel

O will accommodate a brand-new eight-story, 219,000-square-foot structure, while the existing steel manufacturing building on the other site will undergo an adaptive reuse transformation, eventually resulting in a 9,000-square-foot amenity building for employees.

Last October, the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) approved the assignment of the existing ground leases to Marcus. Demolition is planned for the last quarter of 2021, with groundbreaking slated for the first quarter of next year. The entire project is expected to deliver in 2024. According to Universal HUB, the project will include 96 parking spaces. Due to the site's proximity to water, the proposed building on

Parcel O will be raised by 4 feet, considering estimated future sea-level rise. Marcus will also join the BPDA's Climate Resiliency Infrastructure Fund, which was created for the protection of the park from prospective high-tide situations.

One of the world's largest privately held biotech companies, Boston-based Ginkgo's won't have to move far, as its current headquarters are situated just near the upcoming development, within the Innovation and Design Building.



MAYOR JANEY ANNOUNCES 2021 BCYF SUMMER GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL AGENCIES



Mayor Kim Janey and Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) today announced the release of the 2021 BCYF Summer Grants RFP, inviting nonprofit, youth-serving groups to apply for a grant of up to \$5,000 or \$10,000 to support fun, safe, enriching youth programming this summer. These grants will increase both the number and variety of programs serving young Bostonians, ensuring that youth across the City of Boston have access to activities and opportunities this summer. Applications for grant funding are due Friday, May 7, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

“Boston Centers for Youth & Families’ summer grant program supports the innovative and engaging programming provided by our non-profit partners during the summer months,” said Mayor Janey. “Thou-

sands of Boston’s young people will have a great summer because the organizations the BCYF Summer Grant supports. Thank you to all of our partners who help bring this important work to Boston’s youth.”

The grants will support summer programs in Boston neighborhoods, serving youth ages 6-18, and may include young adults up to age 21. Programs must operate between July 1 and August 31, 2021. In 2019, of the 58 programs that were awarded funding, 60% were art, educational, or community and civic engagement opportunities, while the remaining 40% had sports, recreation, fitness, or a health-related focus. Over 80% of grantees provided specialized programs that incorporated educational components about substance abuse, provided a therapeutic approach to accommodate youth impacted by trauma, and created an opportunity for meaningful youth summer employment.

“Even though BCYF offers hundreds of summer programs, we rely on our non-profit partners to join us in keeping Boston’s youth happy, healthy, and safe during the summer,” said William Morales, Commissioner of BCYF. “In 2021, as we embark on the implementation phase of our strategic planning process, we will be looking closely at which

programs best align with our priorities as an organization and strive to be more deliberate and intentional with this grant.”

“Thanks to the BCYF Summer Grant, “e” inc. was able to propose and execute a dynamic new science model with our BCYF partner, the Gallivan Community Center in Mattapan,” said Dr. Ricky Stern, Executive Director, “e” inc. “At BCYF Gallivan, we were able to carry out a 3-day-a-week science program that was not only enriching and exciting for our children but also resulted in 40% gains in pre versus post quiz results across the team. The BCYF Summer Grant allowed for field trips in nature, art renderings of many new ideas, and hands-on science programming.”

The deadline to apply is 5:00 pm on Friday, May 7. Applicants must provide information about their

procedures in following current State and public health COVID-19 protocols. To register for BCYF’s Bidder’s Conference taking place on Wednesday, April 14, at 2 pm, please register here. For more information, please visit Boston.Gov/BCYF-Summer-Grant.

About Boston Centers for Youth and Families

Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) is the City of Boston’s largest youth and human service agency. BCYF operates 36 community centers in Boston that offer a variety of engaging and enriching programs for people of all ages created through community input and need. BCYF also oversees citywide programs including the nationally-recognized violence intervention and prevention SOAR Program, the GIRLS Initiative, Camp Joy special needs program, and many aquatic offerings.

Virtual Public Meeting

Parcels O & P

Wednesday, April 28
7:00 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/3uuOcZr
Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864
Meeting ID: 160 296 3999

Project Description:
Virtual Public Meeting in connection with the Proposed Project on Parcels O & P in the Raymond L. Flynn Marine Park of the South Boston Waterfront, for which a Project Notification Form (“PNF”) was received by the BPDA on Friday, April 2nd.

Please register in advance for this meeting using the meeting registration link provided below. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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South Boston Catholic Academy News

Grade 4A News

From Ms. Gibbs, the Grade 4A Teacher

Just like the students in grade 4B did with their Build a Wigwam Challenge, the students in 4A at South Boston Catholic Academy have been

learning about the people and land of the Northeast region of the United States during our social studies time. To make the experience more interactive, students

worked in small groups to create models of wigwams, the homes that the Narragansett group of Native Americans lived in.

Students were provided pipe cleaners, twine, tape, playdough, and Popsicle sticks to work with and then were sent to work. The students were not given any instructions on

how they should build the wigwams to add an extra challenge and creative element. The projects turned out great, and this was a fun way to combine social studies and science in our classroom! Fantastic job building your Wigwams Grade 4A!

New applicants are welcomed to email Mrs. Jamie Brown at j.brown@sbcatholicacademy.org to learn more about South Boston Catholic Academy.



Compass on the Bay Celebrates Italy with Food and Fun

Compass on the Bay residents had a first class ticket for a trip to Italy as they explored the nation's food and culture from the comfort of home.

The European getaway was part of the community's Grab

Your Passport program, which is an immersive program that allows residents to spend one or more days each month virtually traveling to another country to explore the history, art, music, sightseeing venues, and cuisine

of that destination.

For Italy, residents enjoyed making (and eating!) cannoli with an assortment of toppings including chocolate sprinkles, coconut flakes, and raspberry.

Compass on the Bay is a Memory

Support Assisted Living community located on Columbia Road in South Boston. For more information about Compass on the Bay's social programming and enriching community life, please visit www.CompassOnTheBay.com.



Compass on the Bay resident Sandra Medeiros



Compass on the Bay resident Yolanda Cerullo



Compass on the Bay resident Edie Munroe

Learning and Fun Times in PreK3 with Ms. Stewart

The Saint Peter Academy students of PreK3 have been super busy learning. Ms. Stewart is doing an awesome job preparing her class for Kindergarten I. The students have mastered rhyming words, letter sounds and writing their first names!

When asked what their favorite thing about PreK is: Everyone had different ideas to share. Annabelle

loves playing with her friends, Mason loves napping (me too bud), Owen loves the toys and learning about the Cat in the Hat, Alex enjoys reading all the books in the library, Will enjoys putting puzzles together, Hannah loves taking walks to the parks in our community, Caitlin is a big fan of the Princess motorcycle in our playground, Penelope enjoys snack time (another one of my favorites girl) and

Lincoln enjoys all the learning and work he does in school!

The class agreed their favorite part of school was Spanish Class with Ms. Serfes. They learned their colors in Spanish wrapping up their Unit of Colors. Up next Shadows and Reflections!

St. Peter Academy in an independent, community-based private school and serves students from

ages 15 months through grade 6. SPA is currently accepting applications for the limited spaces available in the year-round toddler program (beginning at age 15 months) and for students in Pre-K, Kindergarten and grades 1-6. Appointments for individual virtual tours can be made by contacting Maria Blasi, at 617-268-0750 or by emailing m.blasi@StPeterAcademy.com.



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yesterday with a majority of school districts across the state finally returning, as mandated by the state, to full in-person classes, as CBS Boston reports. And things apparently went well in Springfield yesterday, MassLive reports. But they didn't go so well elsewhere, also via MassLive: "Athol Royalston Regional School District cancels classes on Monday after 100 teachers get second COVID shot, many call out sick after 'not feeling well.'" Reopening day sure had its share of concerns and anxiety in general, such as in Medford, reports the Globe's Jenna Russell reports.

If schools are back to in-person classes, why isn't DCF back to in-person child inspections?

From the Globe's Matt Stout: "Workers in Massachusetts' child welfare agency are seeing only about half of the children under their watch in-person each month, state data show, illustrating the state's heavy reliance on remote check-ins during the pandemic

even as schools, day cares, and others have returned mostly to face-to-face interactions." Of course, the David Almond case is mentioned prominently. And speaking of the David Almond case, state Rep. David LeBoeuf, in a Herald opinion piece, says it's time for the Legislature to intervene and fix DCF's ongoing problems.

Fake masks, unmasked

As NBC Boston reports, a sharp-eyed worker at South Shore Health thought something wasn't right about a recent shipment of N95 surgical masks – and he was right. They were counterfeit. And the feds have seized the masks and are now investigating.

Surging applications: Elite colleges aren't seen as so elite anymore

The Globe's Laura Krantz has a good story this morning about how the pandemic-era shift away from standardized admission tests at "selective" colleges (i.e. top-tier/elite colleges) has encouraged a more diverse and rising number of students

to apply to those schools.

SJC to try its hand at blackjack

Believe it or not, the state's highest court is in the weeds, deep down in the legal weeds, when it comes to setting payout odds for blackjack at the state's two casinos. Commonwealth's Shira Schoenberg reports on tomorrow's unusual SJC hearing on whether Encore Boston Harbor and MGM Springfield are "allowed to offer less favorable odds than is typical in their blackjack games."

The People's Republic of Somerville: The Socialist takeover is nearly complete

The Globe's Zoe Greenberg reports on the Boston chapter of the Democratic Socialists of America's endorsement of six socialists for the Somerville City Council – and how their takeover of the once gritty, now granola, Somerville is nearly complete. Their immediate post-takeover tasks to avert counter-revolution: prove they can plow the streets and collect the garbage as well as their petty bourgeois predecessors.

Gavel ready: Warren will convene hearing on student debt cancellation

She's staying on message. U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren will use the first hearing of her tenure as chair of the Subcommittee on Economic Policy to focus on the nation's student debt crisis and its impact on minority communities, Melanie Waddell at ThinkAdvisor reports.

Past state GOP chairs: They've had it with OCPF's Michael Sullivan

Unless we're mistaken, there seems to be a concerted GOP/conservative effort to rally around state Sen. Ryan Fattman and his wife, Worcester County Register of Probate Stephanie Fattman, in their ongoing feud with the Office of Campaign and Political Finance's Michael Sullivan. The latest proof: An opinion piece at Commonwealth magazine in which six past chairs of the state GOP bemoan the outgoing Sullivan's alleged lack of transparency in his probe of the Fattmans' campaign committees.



This week, Danny reacted to some of the top stories in the sports world:

I have to admit. I absolutely love the new Red Sox Boston Marathon uniforms. And this is coming from someone who usually despises anything other than the traditional uniform for historic franchises like the Red Sox.

The new Marathon-inspired uniforms aren't just different. They're completely different colors. At first glance, I definitely caught myself thinking, "What in the world are these?" But then when I saw the "617" embroidered into a Marathon racing bib, I was sold.

Like I said, usually, I am against any form of major changes to classic uniforms. For example, I cringe whenever I see the Celtics wearing anything other than their standard home whites or road greens. And anytime the Red Sox wear those goofy red softball jerseys, it makes me a little sick to my stomach. Classics are classics for a reason. There's no need to mess with them. But what the Red Sox and Nike did with these new yellow and baby blue Marathon-inspired uniforms is amazing.

Everyone in and around Boston has a special connection to the Boston Marathon. And the Red Sox organization is no exception. In fact,

because of the annual Patriots' Day game at Fenway Park, when you think of the Boston Marathon, you think of the Red Sox, and vice versa.

That connection between the city, the Red Sox, and the Marathon grew even stronger in the wake of the tragic and senseless Marathon bombings in 2013. Nobody will ever forget the way that the 2013 championship Red Sox comforted an entire city that was heartbroken. David Ortiz' passionate pregame speech will always be remembered. His words in that moment will forever be worshipped: "This is our [expletive] city, and nobody is gonna dictate our freedom. Stay strong."

I don't think drastic uniform changes like this should become a trend with our teams here in Boston. But this Marathon uniform is one that I strongly approve of.

—It's great to finally see fans in the stands again. Some states have different reopening strategies, which leads to a different capacity percentage for each team in MLB, NHL, and NBA.

Here in Massachusetts, right now, the capacity permitted is 12 percent. That seems a little too low, considering that the Texas Rangers are playing baseball in front of a 100 percent capacity crowd. And ok, maybe 100

percent capacity right now is a little too aggressive. But in the strangest of occurrences, as Texas has completely reopened, their COVID-19 numbers have gone down. I'm not here to play the role of scientist or politician, but it's an intriguing sign and is certainly something to keep an eye on.

That said, why can't Massachusetts increase capacity to, let's say, 40 percent? Vaccines are out in full force and the weather is starting to get warmer. Isn't it time to look at that "12 percent" and admit that it's time to open up a little more than that? I think so.

Either way, seeing and hearing real humans celebrate a walk-off win for the Red Sox on Tuesday night gave me goosebumps. Ya, the dramatic win was nice. But a glimpse of normalcy in the stands was an adrenaline rush by itself.

—Speaking of capacity, the WWE is opening the gates for wrestling fans for the first time in over a year, as it hosts WrestleMania 37 this weekend in Tampa Bay. This year, WrestleMania will be a two-night event at Raymond James Stadium. Each night, they will allow 36 percent capacity, which comes out to about 25,000 fans per night.

Raymond James Stadium holds a

maximum of 70,000 fans, so it will be interesting to see how Vince McMahon chooses to fill in the empty 45,000 seats on both Saturday and Sunday night.

Capacity-aside, I must say that I'm not a fan of WrestleMania being a two-night event. Some wrestling "experts" believe that this will now be the norm for the "Showcase of the Immortals" moving forward.

As for this specific WrestleMania 37 card, the main event of the main events will close out the second night, on Sunday, as WWE Universal Champion Roman Reigns defends his title in a Triple Threat match against Edge and Daniel Bryan. Bryan was added to this match at the last minute. To be honest, I would've been just fine with Reigns vs Edge for the championship, but what's done is done.

With no Undertaker or John Cena or The Rock, there definitely seems to be something big missing from this year's WrestleMania. That's why I predict we'll see the return of Brock Lesnar on Saturday night, as he'll be interfering in the WWE Championship match between Drew McIntyre and Bobby Lashley. Again, that's just a prediction. Enjoy the show.

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SPORTS TODAY

RED SOX UNVEIL NEW BOSTON MARATHON-THEMED UNIFORMS

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Major League Baseball and Nike have announced the release of their new “City Connect Series” uniforms for the 2021 baseball season, and the Boston Red Sox were the first of seven teams to have their new-look uniforms released this week.

The Red Sox will wear their new yellow jerseys and baby blue hats during Patriots’ Day weekend, on Saturday, April 17 and Sunday, April 18 at Fenway Park against the Chicago White Sox.

Seven total MLB teams will have “City Connect” uniforms this season, with the series eventually appearing league-wide in future seasons. The

Tweet of the Week



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other six teams are the Miami Marlins, Chicago White Sox, Chicago Cubs, Arizona Diamondbacks, San Francisco Giants, and Los Angeles Dodgers.

According to a press release by Nike this week, the goal of the new collaboration is to show “the bond between baseball club identities and their fans.” The new Red Sox color scheme does just that, displaying the colors of the Boston Marathon with “Boston” across the chest in a font that honors the Boylston Street finish line. On the left sleeve is a patch of the area code digits “617” that appear in a

racing bib honoring the same racing bibs worn by all marathon runners.

This year’s Boston Marathon has been pushed back from April 19 to October 11, in accordance with the state of Massachusetts’ COVID-19 reopening plan. Still, the Red Sox will honor the annual tradition for two games this month.

“Nike is uniquely suited for our relationship with MLB because we like pushing the edges of creativity across the board, but it’s always done out of a place of supporting the players and advancing the sport,” said Sonja Henning, Nike VP

WHAT TO WATCH

NBA FRIDAY, APRIL 9
Minnesota at Boston
7:30 P.M. NBCSB

NHL SATURDAY, APRIL 10
Boston at Philadelphia
2 P.M. NESN

SUNDAY, APRIL 11
Washington at Boston
7 P.M. NESN

MLB SATURDAY, APRIL 10
Boston at Baltimore
7:05 P.M. NESN

GOLF THURS, APRIL 8 - SUN, APRIL 11
The Masters
2 P.M. CBS

WWE SAT, APRIL 10 - SUN, APRIL 11
WrestleMania 37
8 P.M. PEACOCK

FSG MAKES IT OFFICIAL: LEBRON JOINS RED SOX OWNERSHIP

SBT Staff

Fenway Sports Group has officially announced a significant investment into

the company by RedBird Capital Partners. According to FSG’s press release, the deal is “part of an ongoing strategic alliance between the two companies that will focus on the active pursuit of growth opportunities for FSG.”

RedBird’s investment into FSG is based on an enterprise valuation for FSG of \$7.35 billion. In the deal, LeBron James, Maverick Carter, and their longtime business partner Paul Wachter will exchange a previously held interest in Liverpool Football Club and become part of FSG’s ownership group along with RedBird.

A statement on behalf of FSG Principal Owner John Henry, Chair-

man Tom Werner, and President Mike Gordon said, “Over the years, Fenway Sports Group has been able to attract a dedicated group of executives and partnerships seeking to compete for titles in the most challenging and rewarding landscapes. Our strategic partnership with Gerry and the entire team at RedBird will enhance our ability to pursue future growth opportunities in a more accelerated way but with the same selectiveness that has served us so well.

“We are also pleased to welcome to our ownership group LeBron, Maverick and Paul, with whom we have enjoyed a successful collabora-

tion for well over a decade. Their addition is an important milestone for FSG and expands and deepens a longtime friendship and relationship that began in 2010.”

“Working with Fenway Sports Group for the past decade has taught LeBron and me so much about the business on a global scale, and we’ve always believed it would lead to something bigger,” said Carter. “We are proud to be part of this iconic ownership group and are excited about the opportunities that come with that to continue creating change and empowering people of every race, gender and background to be part of the process.”



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